

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2021-004
DATA TRANSPORT SERVICES
RESPONSE ADDENDUM # 1
November 10, 2020**

CLARIFICATION

- 1) Reference to Location Provisions in Section 2.1.1. is modified to Local Provisions.
- 2) RFP Section 2.1.2.2 is adjusted as follows:
 - 2.1.2.2 Contract for Services (Appendix D & E)
The evaluation team will use a consensus approach to evaluate and assign evaluation based on University risk assessment. The University reserves the right to reject any or all responses, in whole or in part, for any response receiving no points in this section in accordance with Section 2.2 Award.

Responses will be evaluated using the following guidelines:

- a. Full acceptance of the terms and conditions with the Respondents signature on the Agreement signature page, will receive the total points noted in Table 2.1.1.
- b. Revisions to the Agreement provisions specified in Section 1.2.1.2 will receive point reductions based on the University's risk assessment.
- c. Revisions to the Agreement provisions other than those specified in Section 1.2.1.2 will be evaluated at the University's discretion based on the University's risk assessment.
- d. Where an agreement for Data Transport Services between the Respondent and University of Maine System currently exists, the evaluation team will consider a response that indicates the Respondent is willing to extend the current language and accepts any changes or additions to language outlined in Appendix D; Sections 2, 6, 7, 8, 31, Rider A (Section 5, 6 & 7), and Rider F, as a favorable risk assessment.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE - 11/9/2020

Are you looking for both ELINE and ELAN services on a single handoff?

Yes, as described and illustrated in a diagram on page 52 of the RFP, we are looking for 4 VLANs to be delivered on a single handoff.

Does open the flexibility to award sites within a district to multiple bidders?

Yes, one of the benefits of the VLAN configuration requested in the RFP is that it gives us the ability to bridge together sites within a district at our core PoPs when we are unable to contract with a single provider for all sites within a district.

Will there be district ID's provided for all sites?

To clarify what was stated in the pre-bid conference, we are not looking for ELAN type services for libraries with the noted exception of Portland Public Library System. As such we will not be defining District Bridge ID's for the libraries, identified with an L in the Entity Type column of Exhibit 1, nor do we require VLANs 10 and 11 for the libraries.

For sites where 10Gig is requested, how do you want bandwidth allocated per VLAN?

We do not want the policing of bandwidth done at the VLAN level. Rather, we are requested that policing be done at the site circuit level.

What happens if COVID-19 prevents bidder from meeting its committed installation dates?

See Failure to Install and Failure to Upgrade section of contract included in the RFP and its Force Majeure language, as well as Section 25.